



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 13-081: HUMPTULIPS HATCHERY STEVENS CREEK INTAKE

Description of Proposal:

WDFW proposes to construct a new point of diversion (water intake) on Stevens Creek to serve the Humptulips Hatchery. The Humptulips River Hatchery, located at the confluence of the Humptulips River and Stevens Creek, has been operating as a state salmon and steelhead hatchery since 1976. This hatchery has contributed significantly to local and regional fisheries including recreational, tribal and commercial fisheries. The hatchery has two water sources. The primary water source is the Humptulips River and the secondary water source is Hatchery Creek. Adult salmon returning to the Humptulips Hatchery collection facility access the hatchery through a fishway located on Stevens Creek.

Each fall significant straying of hatchery origin fish occurs when adult salmon migrate past the mouth of Stevens Creek (and the collection facility). These hatchery fish swim upstream into the upper Humptulips watershed and spawn with native stocks. This straying occurs because juvenile fish are imprinted on Humptulips River water and not Stevens Creek. This new intake will allow juvenile fish to be imprinted on Stevens Creek water before release and reduce straying as adults and associated genetic impacts to native stocks in the Humptulips River basin.

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Washington, Grays Harbor County; Section 12, Township 20 North, Range 11 West WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days**

from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **December 27, 2013**.

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE: December 12, 2013

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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